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February 21, 2002

Ref: 2234-21384

Honorable Felix J. Boudreaux
Commissioner of Conservation
Post Office Box 94275
Baton Rouge, LA 70804-4275

Re: Hearing Application
Cris I Zone, Reservoir A, SUB, SUC, SUD
BAYOU BILOXI FIELD
St. Bernard Parish, Louisiana
Applicant: The Meridian Resource & Exploration,
LLC

Dear Mr. Commissioner:

In accordance with the Rules of Procedure for Conducting Hearings Before the Commissioner of Conservation of the State of Louisiana, application is hereby made on behalf of **The Meridian Resource & Exploration, LLC** for the calling of a public hearing, after legal notice, to consider evidence relative to the issuance of an order pertaining to the following matters relating to the Cris I Zone, Reservoir A, SUB, SUC and SUD in the Bayou Biloxi Field, St. Bernard Parish, Louisiana.

1. To create three (3) single drilling and production units of approximately 367 acres each for the Cris I Zone, Reservoir A, designated as the CRIS I RA, SUB; CRIS I RA SUC and CRIS I RA SUD, Bayou Biloxi Field, St. Bernard Parish, Louisiana, all as shown more particularly on the attached plat;
2. To establish rules and regulations governing the exploration for and production of gas and condensate from the said units;
3. To force pool and integrate all separately owned tracts, mineral leases and other property interests within the units so created, with each tract sharing in unit production on a surface acreage basis of participation;
4. To consider such other matters relating to the subject reservoirs as may be appropriate and justified by the evidence presented at the public hearing.

The Cris I Zone, Reservoir A in the Bayou Biloxi Field was Previously defined in Office of Conservation Order No. 960-A, effective December 11, 2001.

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In compliance with the Rules of Procedure for Conducting Hearings Before the Commissioner of Conservation of the State of Louisiana, a pre-application conference was held in Lafayette, Louisiana on February 21, 2002. Attached hereto and made a part hereof is a list of the names and addresses of the parties who were in attendance at that conference.

The conference was opened by Mr. B. J. Duplantis. Mr. Jim Hardwick presented the plan of applicant. Questions were asked and answered. No counterplans were proposed. It is not known at this time if there will be opposition at the public hearing on this matter.

Attached hereto and made a part hereof is a plat outlining the CRIS I RA SUB, SUC and SUD, Bayou Biloxi Field, St. Bernard Parish, Louisiana, and a list of the names and addresses of the interested owners, represented parties and interested parties to whom this notice is being sent. It is hereby certified that a reasonable effort was made to ascertain the names and addresses of all interested owners, represented parties and interested parties.

Upon receipt of the legal notice in the captioned matter, the notice will be posted, published and mailed in accordance with Rule 7 of the Rules of Procedure.

Finally, there is enclosed herewith our check on behalf of the applicant in the amount of \$700.00, made payable to the Office of Conservation, representing the required hearing application fee.

Very truly yours,


B. J. Duplantis

BJD/ht

Attachments

cc: Mr. Richard D. Hudson
District Manager
Office of Conservation

All Interested Owners,
Represented Parties and
Interested Parties and parties
on attendance list

R 16 E

35

SL. 17086

SL. 17083

36

R 17 E

T 12 S

31

T 13 S

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Exxon
Biloxi Marsh
Lands 3

Biloxi Marsh Lands
Inc.

Energy
Biloxi Marsh
Lands 1

Biloxi Marsh Lands
Inc.

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Biloxi Marsh Lands
Inc.

Padre Bayou

Biloxi Marsh Lands
Inc.

Manti
Marsh Lands

PBHL

2 Biloxi Marsh Lands

9691' MD
9000' VD

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Cut-off Bayou

Bayou Grande

PROPOSED
CRISTIRA SUB
(UNDRILLED)
± 367 ACRES

PROPOSED
CRISTIRA SUB
(UNDRILLED)
± 367 ACRES

CRISTIRA SUA
BILOXI MARSH LANDS NO. 1
± 367 ACRES

PROPOSED
CRISTIRA SUB
(UNDRILLED)
± 367 ACRES

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ORDER 960-A

NOTE: ALL BOUNDARIES ARE GEOGRAPHIC

EXHIBIT NO.
10000' DOCKET NO.

DATE:

THE MERIDIAN RESOURCE & EXPLORATION LLC.

BAYOU BILOXI FIELD
ST. BERNARD PARISH, LOUISIANA

PROPOSED UNITS
CRIS I ZONE

0 2000' 4000'

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